

Relationship between physician burnout and the quality and cost of care for Medicare beneficiaries is complex.

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[Physician burnout](#) has been associated with higher rates of [self-reported](#) medical errors and increased costs related to physician [turnover](#). This analysis linked survey data from family physicians to Medicare claims to explore any association of burnout with four objective measures of care outcomes (ambulatory care-sensitive admissions, ambulatory care-sensitive emergency department visits, readmissions, or costs). There was no consistent, statistically significant relationship between burnout and the four measures of care outcomes and further research on this relationship is warranted.